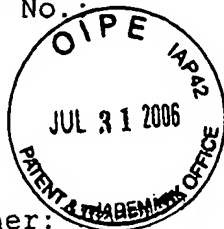


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2006, the time for response having been extended by one month to and including July 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

ENTRY NOT RECOMMENDED. AR 8/10/06
Entry denied 8/16/06